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In re Application of ) Customer No. 00832  
Roussel et al. )  
Serial No. 09/331,554 ) Group: 1651  
Filed: August 23, 1999 )  
Title: ABSORBABLE COMPOSITION CONTAINING ) Examiner: V. Afremova  
PROPIONIC BACTERIA CAPABLE OF RELEASING )  
NITRIC OXIDE IN THE HUMAN OR ANIMAL )  
ALIMENTARY CANAL )

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231



Sir:

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents identified on the attached form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that these documents be made of record in the present application.

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